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Application of: SINN et al.

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For: CONJUGATE FOR DIFFERENTIATING

BETWEEN HEALTHY AND UNHEALTHY TISSUE

Group Art-Unit: 1653/EC/

Examiner: D. Lukton

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## PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR § 1.136(a)

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the time for response to the Office Action dated September 12, 2002, be extended for a period of two (2) month(s) from <u>December 12, 2002</u> to and including <u>March 12, 2003</u>.

The fee for this extension is estimated to be \$205.00. Please charge the required fee, and any other fees to Pennie & Edmonds up Deposit Account No. 16-1150 (order no. 8484-077-999). A copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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